

HONORARY DEGREES CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

2026-May	Kurt Russell (2022 National Teacher of the Year) Doctor of Humane Letters
2025-Dec	No Honoary Degrees conferred
2025-May	No Honorary Degrees conferred
2024-Dec	No Honorary Degrees conferred
2024-May	No Honorary Degrees conferred
2023-Dec	Theodore (Ted) Ginn, Sr. Doctor of Humane Letters
2023-May	No Honorary Degrees conferred
2022-Dec	Lawrence James Travagliante (Kid Leo) Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa
2022-May	Lily M. Ng, Ph.D. Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Honorary Degree
2021-Dec	Scott Mueller Honorary Doctor of Arts and Humanities Degree
2021-May	No Honorary Degrees conferred
2020-Dec	No Honorary Degrees conferred
2020-May	No Honorary Degrees conferred (virtual commencement)
2019-Dec	No Honorary Degrees conferred
2019-May	Michael Schwartz, Ph.D. (L.H.D.) Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree
2018-May	Carmen Twillie Ambar (L.L.D.) Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony and Commencement Speaker
2018-May	Honorable Patricia Ann Blackmon (L.L.D.) Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony and Commencement Speaker
2018-May	Honorable Jo Ann Davidson (L.L.D.) Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree

2018-May	Honorable Melody J. Stewart (L.L.D.) Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony and Commencement Speaker
2018-Dec	Serena Silvestro-awarded posthumously A pre-med student who died (in 2018) due to complications from Cystic Fibrosis.
2017-May	William (Bill) M. Denihan (D.P.S.) Honorary Doctor of Public Service Degree
2017-May	Linda A. Klein (L.L.D.) Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony and Commencement Speaker
2017-May	Steven W. Percy (L.L.D.) Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony
2017-May	Richard W. Pogue (L.L.D.) Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony
2017-May	Dr. Piotr Wilczek (L.H.D.) Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree and Commencement Speaker
2017-Dec	E. Gordon Gee, Ed.D., J.D. (L.H.D.) Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree and Commencement Speaker
2017-Dec	Magnolia “Maggie” Jackson, Ph.D. (L.H.D.) Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters Degree
2016-May	Norman Krumholz Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Honorary Degree, Doctor of Urban Affairs
2016-May	Robert H. Rawson, Jr. (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony
2016-May	Mary Therese Winifred Robinson (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony
2016-Dec	Richard A. Paul (B.B.A. H.D.) Honorary Bachelor of Business Administration Degree and Commencement Speaker
2015-May	Christopher M. Connor (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony

2015-May	Art J. Falco (D.F.A.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Fine Arts
2015-May	Ira A. Harkavy, Ph.D. Honorary Degree, Doctor of Urban Studies
2015-Dec	Roberta Steinbacher, Ph.D. Distinguished Emerita Faculty Honorary Degree, Doctor of Urban Affairs
2014-May	Julian M. Earls, Ph.D. (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
2014-May	Toshinori Munakata, Ph.D. (D.Sc.) Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
2014-Dec	Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge, J.D. (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
2013-May	Mayor Frank G. Jackson (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
2013-May	Brent Larkin (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony
2013-May	Dianne McIntyre (D.F.A.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Fine Arts
2013-May	Lewis E. Patterson, Ed.D. (L.H.D.) Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2013-May	Nina Totenberg (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony
2013-Dec	Congressman John R. Lewis (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
2012-May	Larry C. Glasscock (D.B.A.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
2012-May	Valarie J. McCall (D.P.S.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Public Service
2012-May	Allan D. Waren, Ph.D. (L.H.D.) Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2012-March	Anna "Annie" Margaret Castor Glenn (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, Received at CSU Luncheon Celebrating John Glenn's Legacy: 50 Years of Americans in Orbit

2012-March	John H. Glenn, Jr. (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science, Received at CSU Luncheon Celebrating John Glenn's Legacy: 50 Years of Americans in Orbit
2012-Dec	Steven A. Minter (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2012-Dec	Albert B. Ratner (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2011-May	Lillian W. Burke (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony
2011-May	William E. Conway (D.B.A.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
2011-May	Edna Shalala (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony
2011-May	Leonard M. Trawick, Ph.D. (L.H.D.) Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2011-May	Anthony Yuan Tai Yen (D.Ed.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Education
2011-Dec	No Honorary Degrees conferred
2010-May	Jonathan D. Jansen, Ph.D. Honorary Degree, Doctor of Higher Education Administration
2010-May	William R. Martin, Ph.D. (L.H.D.) Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2010-Dec	Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Ph.D. (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2010-Dec	Eduardo J. Padrón, Ph.D. (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2009-May	Jean Murrell Capers (LL. D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony
2009-May	Kent W. Clapp (D.B.A.) Posthumous Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
2009-May	Lawrence (Larry) J. Dolan (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

2009-May	Roger B. Manning, Ph.D. (L.H.D.) Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2009-May	Thomas J. Moyer (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2009-May	Les Roberts (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2009-May	James A. Thomas (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony
2009-May	Ellis Yan (D.B.A.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
2009-Dec	Glenn R. Brown, Ph.D. (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
2008-May	Martha Collins (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2008-May	Timothy J. Cosgrove, Esq. (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
2008-May	Paul J. Everson (D.B.A.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
2008-May	Morton L. Mandel (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2008-May	Stephen C. Morris (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2008-May	Elizabeth A. Pugh (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2008-May	Carl B. Stokes (LL.D.) Posthumous Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony
2008-Dec	Harriet M. Fulbright (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
2008-Dec	Henry J. Goodman (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2008-Dec	Jerry Sue Thornton, Ph.D. (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2007-May	Stephanie Tubbs Jones (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

2007-May	Stephen F. Kirk (D.B.A.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
2007-May	Nicholas Rescher (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2007-May	Timothy J. Russert (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement Ceremony
2007-Dec	Paul A. Unger (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2007-Dec	Andrew A. Venable, Jr. (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2006-May	Jeong-gu Cho Posthumous Honorary Degree, Doctor of Urban Affairs
2006-May	Bertram L. Wolstein (LL.D.) Posthumous Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
2006-May	Iris S. Wolstein (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
2006-Dec	Delos M. (Toby) Cosgrove, M.D. (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
2006-Dec	Masumi Hayashi (D.F.A.) Posthumous Honorary Degree, Doctor of Fine Arts
2006-Dec	Jennie Jones (D.F.A.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Fine Arts
2006-Dec	Trevor O. Jones (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
2005-May	Carola Bamberger (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2005-May	David Bamberger (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2005-May	John F. "Jack" Cassidy (D.B.A.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
2005-May	Peter B. Lewis (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2005-Dec	Steven C. LaTourette (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

2005-Dec	Sandra Pianalto (D.B.A.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
2004-May	David L. Hobson (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
2004-May	Donald E. Washkewicz (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
2004-Jan	Floyd Loop, M.D. (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
2004-Dec	George V. Voinovich (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
2003-May	Antwone Q. Fisher (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2003-May	Scott Hamilton (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2003-Dec	Donald E. Bently (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
2003-Dec	Dan O'Shannon (L.H.D. and B.A.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters and Honorary Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications
2003-Dec	George R. Stark (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
2002-May	Barbara Byrd-Bennett (D.Ed.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Education
2002-May	Robert Lockwood Jr. (D.Mus.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Music
2002-May	William F. Patient (D.B.A.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
2002-May	Ralph Regula (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
2002-May	William B. Summers, Jr. (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2002-Dec	Kenneth J. Semelsberger (D.B.A.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
2002-Dec	Robert J. Tomsich (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science

2001-May	Monte Ahuja (D.B.A.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
2001-May	Milan Kucan (D.P.A.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Public Administration
2001-May	Alfred Lerner (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
2001-May	Norma Lerner (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2001-May	Hope Taft (D.Ed.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Education
2001-May	Lloyd G. Trotter (D.B.A.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
2000-May	Jeanette Grasselli Brown (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
2000-May	Drew Carey (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
2000-May	Grace L. Drake (D.P.A.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Public Administration
2000-May	Robert P. Madison (D.F.A.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Fine Arts
2000-May	Larry R. Robinson (D.Com.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Commerce
2000-May	Chung-Won Suh (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1999	Linda Darling-Hammond, Ph.D (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1999	Timothy Hagan (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1999	Samuel H. Miller (D.B.A.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
1999	A. Grace Lee Mims (D.Mus.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Music
1999	Hugh B. Price (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

1998	John Coyne (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1998	George L. Forbes (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1998	Marye Anne Fox (Ph.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
1998	Herbert E. Strawbridge (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1998	Xie Xide (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1997	Richard A. Boyd (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1997	William H. Compton (Ph.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
1997	The Reverend Otis Moss, Jr. (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1997	Alberta T. Turner (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1997	George W. White (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1997	Jacqueline F. Woods (D.B.A.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Business Administration
1996	Thomas F. Campbell (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1996	Richard Celeste (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1996	James Comer (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1996	Carole Hoover (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1995	Alva Bonda (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1995	Frank Albert Cotton (Ph.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science

1995	Claire E. Freeman (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1995	Alex Machaskee (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1994	Louise Ingalls Brown (D. Mus.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Music
1994	Joan Brown Campbell (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1994	Alvin I. Krenzler (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1993	Bernadine P. Healy (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
1993	John B. McLendon, Jr. (P.Ed.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Physical Education
1993	J Maurice Struchen (D.CS.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Commerce
1992	Evan Turner (D.F.A.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Fine Arts
1992	Walter B. Waetjen (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1991	Anthony M. Pilla (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1991	Patrick A. Sweeney (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1991	Shiu-hau Yin (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
1990	John D. Drinko (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1990	Harold L. Enarson (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1990	Jane W. Kessler (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1990	Aleksander Koj (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science

1990	Maxine Goodman Levin (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humanities
1990	Max Ratner (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1989	Arden L. Bement (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
1989	Karen Horn (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1989	Louis Stokes (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1988	William E. MacDonald (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1987	William S. Kiser (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
1987	David Myers (L.H. D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1986	Joseph E. Cole (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1986	Desmond J. Everett (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1985	Coretta Scott King (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1984	Terrel H. Bell (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1983	Paulo Gama Filho (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1983	Ervin J. Gaines (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1983	James A. Rhodes (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1983	Donna E. Shalala (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1982	Leonard Bernstein (L.H. D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

1982	Douglas A. Fraser (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1982	Richard G. Hatcher (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1982	Ray Marshall (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1981	David Broder (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1981	Rev. James A. Hickey (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1981	Mary A. Mendelson (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1981	Gunther Schuller (D. Mus.) (L.H.D.) Honorary Degrees, Doctor of Music and Doctor of Humane Letters
1981	W. O. Walker (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1980	Berry Commoner (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
1980	Howard Nemerov (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1980	Robert J. White (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor Science
1980	Milton Wolf (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1979	No Honorary Degrees conferred
1978	Robert Coles (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1978	E. Mandel De Windt (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1978	Harriet P. Dustan (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
1977	Effie O. Ellis (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science

1977	Margaret A. Mahoney (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1977	Robert K. Merton (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1976	Russell Atkins (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1976	Rev. Edward J. Camille (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1976	Simon Ramo (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
1976	A.A. Sommer, Jr. (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1976	Leonard Woodcock (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1975	Ada Louise Huxtable (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1975	James J. Nance (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1975	Terry Sanford (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1975	Carl Stern (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1975	Herbert J. Sturz (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1974	Mrs. Zelma George (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1974	Joel Grey (L. Litt.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Letters
1974	Louis Lane (D.Mus.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Music
1973	Harry K. Newburn (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1973	Sam Pollock (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws

1973	Thomas Vail (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1972	Dean Burl H. Bush (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
1972	Herbert Elwell (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1971	Charles F. Clark (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1971	Bruce L. Newman (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1970	Wilbur Joseph Cohen (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1970	Irvine Heinly Page (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
1970	Richard B. Teare, Jr. (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
1969	Robben W. Fleming (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1969	Lars Onsager (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
1968	Walter K. Bailey (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
1968	John H. Fisher (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1968	John S. Millis (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1968	Bertram D. Thomas (D.Sc.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science
1967	T. Keith Glennan (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1967	Rowena W. Jelliffe (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters
1967	Russell Wesley Jelliffe (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

1966	Paul W. Briggs (LL.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws
1966	Rev. Dr. John Bruere (L.H.D.) Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters

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